

Subject 932.JOSEPH CLOSE.

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Joseph Close was born in Yorkshire, England, about 1600, and died at Fairfield, Conn., in 1653: these dates are taken from his gravestone. He came to America in 1642 and settled at Fairfield.

He married in England, Elizabeth ---, born in 1606. After Joseph's death, Elizabeth married, 2nd, George Stuckey, and died at Stamford, Conn., on September 4/1656.

Joseph Close, during his life always went by the name of Goodman Close. The title of Goodman was given in those days to the more modest citizens, who were not of sufficient education or lineage, to be called Mister or Esquire: wives of such men were called Goodwife.

Issue:-

1. Hannah Close. Born in England in 1632, died 1696. She married, 1st, on June 9/1657, Joshua Knapp, born November 5/1634, died October 27/1684, son of Nicholas and Eleanor (---) Knapp, subject 904, which see for their four children.

2. Joseph Close. Born 1634, died 1660, without issue.

3. Thomas Close. Born in England in 1637, died at Greenwich, Conn., in 1709. He married in 1669, Sarah Hardy, daughter of Richard and Ann (Husted) Hardy, see subject 934. See subject 466 for issue and further particulars.

4. Mary Close. Born in England in 1640, still living on April 15/1725. She married on June 25/1668, Samuel Holly, born 1643, died May 13/1708, son of John Galen and Mary (---) Holly, subject 482. See subject 482 for issue and further particulars.